



CENTER FOR CONGREGATIONS

LEARNING ALERT

You're Invited to Center for Congregations Events Statewide

Hospitality in Your Congregation: A Southwest Luncheon Series Wednesdays, February 3, March 3, 2010 in Evansville

Southwest congregations are invited to a luncheon series about hospitality and welcoming in congregations. Participants will explore the topic from different perspectives as leaders in hospitality share their stories and engage in interactive conversation in this southwest Indiana program. The program is 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesdays, February 3 and March 3. [For additional information and on-line registration, click here.](#)



Southeast Open House Thursday, February 4, 2010 in Seymour

Congregation and community members are invited to visit the Center for Congregations' new office at 100 S. Chestnut St. in Seymour for an open house 4-7 p.m. Thursday, February 4, 2010. Participants will have the opportunity to tour the facility, meet the staff and enjoy hors d'oeuvres and conversation. Located in the heart of Seymour, the new office includes a welcoming reception area, library and conference room, offices and a small kitchen. Congregations are welcome to use the Seymour office conference room free of charge for meetings or staff retreats. [Click here for details.](#)



Combining Efforts: How Two Churches Serve Youth in Brownstown Thursday, February 25, 2010 in Brownstown

The Youth Departments of Brownstown's Christian Church and Church of the Nazarene have collaborated in ministering to junior high and senior high teens of the community. Youth Pastors Rob Johnson (of the Christian church) and Andy Inskeep (of the Nazarene church) share their stories of working together on a joint ministry project and how the Fifth Quarter youth ministry program has impacted congregational life, school community and youth groups. [For additional information or on-line registration, click here.](#)



Green Ministries**Monday, March 8, 2010 in Fort Wayne**

Are you curious about the cost savings of energy efficient practices? Are you interested in starting a recycling effort at your congregation? Have you thought about encouraging the community around your congregation to take up green practices? Do you want to make your worship facility more eco-friendly? Many Indiana congregations have put their faith into action by taking some environmentally friendly steps. At the workshop *Green Ministries*, participants will hear about the ventures of these congregations and see their work up close. [For additional information and on-line registration, click here.](#)

***Essentials of Church Finance (Part 1)*****Vonna Laue****Wednesday, March 10, 2010 in Carmel****Thursday, March 11, 2010 in St. John**

Vonna Laue, co-author of *Essential Guide to Church Finances* and partner with the accounting firm Capin Crouse, will lead congregational leaders through workshops covering topics of church accounting practices, planning and budgeting, internal controls and risk management, and financial reporting. The workshop includes time for in-depth discussion as well as a question and answer session. [For additional information and on-line registration, click here.](#)

***Effective Leadership for Building Projects*****Keith Crouch and Russell Maddox, National Center for Church Architecture****Wednesday, April 7, 2010 in New Albany****Thursday, April 8, 2010 in Evansville**

Renovating? Expanding? Architectural Issues? This workshop explores the stages of assessment, planning and implementation for a building program and emphasizes the importance of leadership in a building project. Learn how to evaluate your current facilities and see how those facilities impact the effectiveness of ministry. Find out what to expect when working with architects, engineers, contractors and municipalities. [Click here to see additional information or to register on-line.](#)

***Dynamics of Worship*****Deborah Kapp****Wednesday, April 21, 2010 in Indianapolis****Thursday, April 22, 2010 in Fort Wayne**

Worship is vital to congregational life. Minister, author and educator Deborah Kapp explores

with leaders how the structures and speech of worship can support a congregation in worshipping faithfully, forming community and engaging the world. Based on her book, *Worship Frames*, Kapp discusses the ordering of worship and its impact, approaches to changing worship, and preaching strategies that form and nurture a congregation's vocation. [Click here for details and on-line registration.](#)



Events are limited to Indiana congregations.

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